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FORM

OF

PRAYER

TO BE USED ON

WEDNESDAY

March 9th,

Being the Day appointed for a

GENERAL FAST.

Price One Penny.

The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ *The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holydays, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud voice theſe Sentences of Scripture, and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenеſſes, tho' we have rebelled againſt him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he ſet before us.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord, and complain unto my God. So ſhall he hear my voice out of his holy temple; my complaint ſhall come before him.

¶ *Inſtead of the Venite this Hymn ſhall be uſed.*

UNTO thee, O Lord, will I lift up my ſoul, my God, I have put my truſt in thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine enemies triumph over me.

Wherefore ſhould the Heathen ſay, where is now their God.

The Lord is King, be the earth never ſo unquiet; the Lord is great in Sion, and high above all People.

I ſhall find trouble and heavineſs, and I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Unto thee lift I up mine eyes, O thou that dwellеſt in the heavens.

The waves of the ſea are mighty, and rage horribly, but the Lord who dwelleth on high is mightier

In the multitude of ſorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts have refreſhed my ſoul.

The Lord is my refuge, and my God is the ſtrength of my confidence

Thou, O Lord God, art full of compaſſion and mercy, long ſuffering, plenteous in goodneſs and truth.

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth, O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear thy Name.

Behold, O God our Defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

Bleſſed is the man, whoſe ſtrength is in Thee, in whoſe heart are thy ways.

Lo! thine enemies make a murmuring, and they that hate Thee have lift up their heads.

Make their faces aſhamed, O Lord, that they may ſeek thy name.

The Lord ſhall give ſtrength unto his people, the Lord ſhall give his people the bleſſing of peace.

Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the glory of thy name; O deli-

ver us and be merciful unto our sins for thy name's sake.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the Beginning, &c.

¶ *Proper Psalms*, LI. *and* XC.

First Lesson, II. Chron. xx. *to the End of Verse* 15.

¶ *After the First Lesson shall follow* Te Deum laudamus, *in English.* ——— *Second Lesson.* Matthew iii. *to ver.* 11.

¶ Benedictus, *the Creed, &c to the End of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Priest, standing up shall say,*

Pr. O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us! —— A. *And grant us thy salvation.*

Pr. O Lord, save the King! —— A. *Who putteth his trust in thee*

Pr. Send him help from thy holy place. —— A. *And evermore mightily defend him.*

Pr. Let his enemies have no advantage against *him*; —*A. Nor the wicked approach to hurt* him.

Pr. O Lord, save thy people. —A. *And bless thine inheritance.*

Pr. Give peace in our time, O Lord. —— A. *And make thy chosen people joyful.*

¶ *This to be used instead of the first Collect for Morning Prayer.*

O LORD God of our Salvation, who ordereſt all things by Thy unſearchable Wiſdom, bringing to nought by Thy Power the Counſels of the wicked; and working deliverance for Thy ſervants; we proſtrate ourſelves before Thee, in earneſt Prayer and Supplication, in behalf of ourſelves and other Chriſtian Nations, expoſed at this time to the cruelty, or groaning under the oppreſſion, of Apoſtates from Thy Truth, and deſpiters of

Thy Holy Name; who have ſpread deſolation wherever they have erected their ſtandard.

We implore Thy bleſſing, O Lord, upon Thy faithful Servant our gracious Sovereign. Guard him, as hitherto thou haſt done, againſt ſecret conſpiracy and open violence. It is of Thy unſpeakable mercy, that, by the late atrocious attempts of infatuated and ſanguinary Men upon his ſacred Perſon, our Land has not been filled with Mourning and Woe. Continue, O Lord, ſuch thy watchful care over him, and unite our hearts, as the heart of one man, in loyal attachment to his Perſon, and in dutiful ſubmiſſion to his Authority, and to the Laws. Proſper, we beſeech thee, his cares for the welfare of his people. Aſſiſt him in all his Counſels for the preſervation of theſe Kingdoms, and crown them with thy bleſſing; and grant unto him that Peace, which the world cannot give, the comfort of ſure truſt and confidence in Thee.

Thou haſt been our merciful God from generation to generation. We have truſted in Thee, and we have been holpen, but we are ſenſible, that all our efforts will be ineffectual without Thy Aid, from whom alone cometh help in time of need. Our Counſels, our Hands, and our Hearts, are under Thy ſovereign controul. Without Thee the wiſdom of the Wiſe is vain and the multitude of an hoſt is weak. Vouchſafe to us, O Lord, in ſuch manner, Thy guidings and ſupport, that the Enemies of our Peace may ſee, that Thine

Arm, ſtretched out to ſave, can cruſh the mightieſt force, and bring to nought the moſt ſubtle Deſigns of human Policy; and that the man of the earth, who lifteth up his banners againſt Thee, ſhall ever be humbled under Thy Almighty hand.

Hear us, O merciful God, for the ſake and and through the merit of our only Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt, Thy Son, our Lord. AMEN.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Second *and* Third *Collects at* Morning Prayer, *and the* Litany, *and then the following Prayer.*

O Lord, our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge, with penitent hearts, that we have been bleſſed, beyond other nations, in the knowledge and undiſturbed Profeſſion of Thy truth, and in the long Poſſeſſion of abundant temporal Proſperity: and we confeſs, that, like the Iſraelites of old, we have too often turned our Backs on Thee, and ſought our Peace and Security in our own Inventions. Reſtore us, O Lord, to a dutiful ſenſe of Thee in this time of our Viſitation. Grant us grace to put away all ungodlineſs and ſinful Luſts, and ſo to hold faſt the Profeſſion of our Faith, in purity of heart and mind, that thy Judgements may be withdrawn from us, and we may become diſtinguiſhed Objects of Thy Mercy, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt, our Mediator and Advocate. AMEN.

¶ *Then the People ſhall ſay this that followeth after the Miniſter*

TURN thou us, O good Lord and ſo ſhall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to

thee in weeping, faſting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compaſſion, long-ſuffering and of great pity. Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve puniſhment, and in thy wrath thinkeſt upon mercy. Spare thy people good Lord, ſpare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confuſion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, thro' the merits and mediation of thy bleſſed Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. AMEN.

¶ *Then the Prayer in* Time of War and Tumults, *as it ſtands in the* Book of Common Prayer, *and after it the following.*

O Eternal Lord God, whoſe Voice, mighty in Operation, the raging Seas and the ſtormy Winds obey; who haſt compaſſed the Ocean with its bounds, ſaying, "Hitherto ſhalt thou come, but no further, and here ſhall thy proud waves be ſtayed;" O God, who in Thy Mercy, guideſt the Mariner in Safety through the trackleſs deep; receive, we beſeech Thee, into thy gracious and almighty protection, the fleets of thy ſervant our ſovereign, the veſſels of our Merchants, and the perſons of all thoſe who ſerve in them. Preſerve them from the Perils of the Seas, from the Efforts of the Enemy, and from the danger of diſeaſe in diſtant climates; that they may return in ſafety, and crowned, if it be Thy good pleaſure, with ſucceſs in their enterprizes, either of juſt and neceſſary war, or of lawful commerce, to enjoy the bleſſings of their native land; and, with thankful remembrance of all thy mercies, to

unite with us in rendering praiſe and glory to Thy Holy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. AMEN.

¶ *A Prayer for Plenty.*

O Almighty God, Creator of the Univerſe, whoſe power and goodneſs are the ſupport and ſtay of all things, which thy hands have made; O God, who in the beginning didſt ſpread abroad the heavens, and haſt laid the Foundations of the Earth, and ordereſt the Seaſons; Thou, by whom the Fowls of the Air, which neither ſow, nor reap, nor gather into Barns, are fed; and without whom the young Lions do lack and ſuffer Hunger; Giver of all good things, who refreſheſt the Field with thy dew, and ſendeſt down thy rain upon the furrows, cauſing the graſs to ſpring for the cattle and the green herb and corn for the uſe of men; O great and merciful God, in whom we live and move, and have our being, we thine unworthy ſervants acknowledge, that, for our manifold ſins and iniquities, we have merited the ſeverity of thy wrath. But there is mercy with thee, therefore ſhalt thou be feared. Be merciful, we beſeech thee, to our ſins; accept our penitence, and regard our ſupplications. And ſo bleſs the increaſe of our flocks and our herds, and the fruits of our land, that, through thy goodneſs, the ſcarcity and dearth, which we ſuffer for our iniquity, may be mercifully turned into cheapneſs and plenty. And give us grace not to ſquander in riot and luxury, but to uſe with ſobriety and temperance, to thy

glory, to the relief of the poor and needy, and to our own comfort, the good things which thou giveſt us freely to enjoy. Hear us, O merciful father, and help us, in this our time of need, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt thy Son our Lord, to whom, with thee and the holy ghoſt, be all honour and glory, now and for evermore. AMEN.

WE humbly beſeech thee, moſt merciful God that, by Thy grace thou wouldeſt keep alive in us, who have this day preſumed to implore ſuch great bleſſings at Thy hands, a conſtant ſenſe of Thy preſence, and of our dependence upon Thee. Suffer us not to return to our former ſinfulneſs and diſobedience, nor again to yield to thoſe evil paſſions and deſires which have brought down Thy juſt judgements upon us: But ſave us, O God; ſave us not only from worldly but alſo from ſpiritual enemies; and moſt eſpecially ſave us from ourſelves, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. AMEN.

¶ *Then read to the End of the Morning Prayer as uſual.*

Communion Service.

After the Prayer for the King [Almighty God, whoſe kingdom is everlaſting] *ſhall be read the Collect for the day, as in the Morning Prayer,* (O Lord God of our ſalvation,) *and then ſhall follow.*

The Epiſtle. 2 *Peter Chap* II. to *ver.* 12.

BUT there were falſe Prophets alſo among the people, even as there ſhall be falſe

teachers among you; who privily ſhall bring in damnable hereſies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themſelves ſwift deſtruction, and many ſhall follow their pernicious ways; by reaſon of whom the way of truth ſhall be evil ſpoken of. And through covetouſneſs ſhall they with feigned words make merchandiſe of you: whoſe judgement now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation ſlumbereth not For if God ſpared not the Angels that ſinned, but caſt them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkneſs, to be reſerved unto judgement; and ſpared not the old world, but ſaved Noah the eighth perſon, a preacher of righteouſneſs, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into aſhes, condemned them with an overthrow, making them an enſample unto thoſe that after ſhould live ungodly; and delivered juſt Lot, vexed with the filthy converſation of the wicked: (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in ſeeing and hearing, vexed his righteous ſoul from day to day with their unlawful deeds) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reſerve the unjuſt unto the day of judgement to be puniſhed: but chiefly them that walk after the fleſh in the luſt of uncleanneſs, and deſpiſe government. Preſumptuous are they, ſelf-willed, they are not afraid to ſpeak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power

and might, bring not railing accuſation againſt them before the Lord

The Goſpel. *St. Luke* Chap. XIII Ver. 1 *to* 6.

THere were preſent at that ſeaſon ſome that told him of the Galileans, whoſe blood Pilate had mingled with their ſacrifices. And Jeſus anſwering ſaid unto them, Suppoſe ye that theſe Galileans were ſinners above all the Galileans, becauſe they ſuffered theſe things? I tell you nay; but, except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh. Or thoſe eighteen, upon whom the tower of Siloam fell and ſlew them, think ye that they were ſinners above all men that dwelt at Jeruſalem? I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Nicene Creed: *after that the Sermon After the Prayer* [for the whole ſtate of Chriſt's Church] *the following ſhall be uſed.—— A Prayer for our Enemies.*

ALMIGHTY God, who haſt diſpoſed the heart of our Sovereign, to unite us in prayer and ſupplication this day for the pardon of our Sins, and for deliverance from the evils of War; ſuffer us, we beſeech Thee, in the ſpirit of Chriſtian Charity, to offer our humble Interceſſion for the Repentance and Converſion of Men, who have caſt off their Faith in Thee the Living God, and following the vain imaginations of reprobate minds, have plunged themſelves into Crimes and Impieties, which aſtoniſh the Chriſtian World. Open their Eyes, O Lord that they may ſee and conſider, with deteſtation and horror, the Ravages of their Cruelty. Strike them in thy Mercy, with Remorſe and Compunction, before they fill up the meaſure of their Iniquities. And grant, O God, unto us, thy Servants, Grace, whilſt we behold with Compaſſion the miſeries they have inflicted upon the objects of their fury, to recollect the many calamities from which We, by Thy merciful Providence, are exempted. What are we, O Lord, that thou ſhouldſt ſo regard us! O let Thy mercy enter into our hearts, and make us truly thankful for Thy goodneſs, fearful of Thy diſpleaſure, and ſenſible of Thy preſence; that

with hands and hearts lifted up unto Thee, we may so pass through the uncertainties of Things Temporal, that we finally lose not the Things Eternal. And to all those, who may be ordained to suffer for thy sake, impart, O merciful Lord, such plentiful succours, of thy Holy Spirit; pour into their Souls such contempt of pain and death, kindle in their hearts such Love of Thee, and Zeal for Thy Truth; fill them with such animating Hope of Immortality, that after the example of the blessed Saints and Martyrs of the primitive ages, they may so steadily confess Thee before Men, that, having glorified Thy name by their suffering upon Earth, they may obtain of Thee an everlasting Crown of Glory. And grant to us all such a denial of Ungodliness and worldly Affections, that we may be able to look forward with hope, to the Consummation of all Things, and to the glorious appearance of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghost, be Honour and Glory, world without end. AMEN.

¶ *Then the Priest or Bishop shall let them depart, with this Blessing.*

The Peace of God, &c.

The Order for Evening Prayer.

¶ *Let him that Ministereth read the same Sentences of Scripture as begin the Morning Service, and after them the Exhortation* Dearly beloved Brethren, &c.

¶ *The Hymn appointed to be used at Morning Prayer shall here also be used, instead of the* Venite, &c. *before the proper Psalms.*

¶ *Proper Psalms* LXXXVI. and CXXX

¶ *First Lesson,* Jonah III. [My soul doth magnify the Lord &c

¶ *Second Lesson, St. James* IV. *to ver.* 11.

God be merciful unto us, &c.

¶ *Then the* Creed, &c. *as in the Morning Service.*

¶ *The Collect* [O Lord God of our Salvation, &c.] as in p. 4.

The Second and third Collects at Evening Prayer.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, &c. [p. 6.]

¶ *Then the People shall say after the Minister.*

Turn thou us, O good Lord, &c. [p. 6.]

¶ *In time of War and Tumults; and then the following.*

¶ *A Prayer for the Safety of our Fleets.* [p. 7.]

A Prayer for Plenty. [p. 8]

We humbly beseech thee, &c. [p. 9]

¶ *Read to the End of the General Thanksgiving; then let the following Prayers be used.*

Almighty God, who hast disposed, &c. [p. 11.]

¶ *A Prayer of* St. Chrysostom. [Almighty God, &c.]

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, &c.